

the CUTTING EDGE

news for and about the members of Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 of the Marine Corps League

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Toys for Tots Team Goes All Out!

Editor's Note – The following article is a compilation of information provided by Chris Stevens and Nila Caulder-Rogers, which was subsequently compiled by the editor. The photograph was provided by Dawn Parker.



Dawn Parker (Coordinator of the 2012 Toys for Tots Drive in the Northern Anne Arundel County region) and members of the Annapolis Young Marines in attendance at American Legion Post 40 – site of the 2012 Toys For Tots Kick-off Event on November 18, 2012. A truck-load of toys and \$3,300 was collected at the event, a fitting start for what was to become a very successful effort.

As many of you know, **Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049** of the Marine Corps League ran successful **Toys for Tots** campaigns for several years. Unfortunately, the detachment's involvement in the annual effort became virtually non-existent, when our previous Toys for Tots coordinator **Pete Pervi** stepped down after the **2009** campaign – the last of several highly successful annual drives. For the next two years, the detachment did not have an organized Toys for Tots effort and the children of **Northern Anne Arundel County** region were the unfortunate casualties.

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**Opposition
to Proposed By-Law
Change Surfaces**
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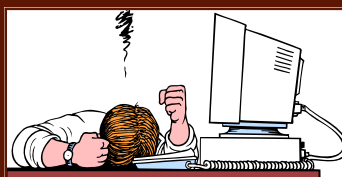
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From the Editor

by Mac McNeir

One of our members has contacted our Commandant and taken issue with the *Detachment Marine of the Year By-Law* revision proposed by our Junior Vice Commandant at the October detachment meeting. I am encouraging all members of this detachment to read the column titled **Opposing Opinions** (on page 9), that discusses both sides of this issue. Copies of both the proposed by-law revision (which will be voted on at the January meeting) and the opposing perspective have been placed on the detachment bulletin board for member convenience.

This issue of *the Cutting Edge* is the first of 2013 and evokes within me a bit of melancholy as my role of editor will soon be drawing to a close – **Mark East** will be assuming the role of editor after the publication of the **May 2013** edition. Hopefully, most of you have enjoyed reading our newsletter as much as I have enjoyed putting it together.

Lastly, I am growing increasingly concerned about the unruly behavior and inappropriate use of profanity by some of our members. Such actions demean us all. Just one man's opinion.

The article deadline for *the Cutting Edge's* next issue is **February 2nd**.



Membership Statistics

Good Standing (Dues Paid)			
Type	USMC	Associate	Multiple
Life Memberships	71	8	5
Annual Memberships	24	5	–
Delinquent Dues (Still on Active Roster)			
Type	USMC	Associate	Multiple
Annual Memberships	18	0	–
New Members			
–	–	–	–
Sub-Totals			
113	13	5	
Total			
131			

Renewals

[Dues expire at end of indicated month & (D) indicates delinquency]

January 2013	February 2013	March 2013
Russell Bixler Roland Miller Christopher Thompson Joseph Wright	Chuck Albo Ed Grove Richard Hart	Robert Eckardt James Le Gette
Please advise the editor of any errors/omissions in this listing.		

Please consider a **Life Membership** as a potential cost reduction.

Commandant's Message



Joe Wright

Marines,

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and spent some quality time with friends and family. With all the fun and festivities behind us, it is time to get back to business. Several members of the Detachment will be attending the **Marine Corps League Mid-Winter National Staff Conference**, on **7 - 9 February 2013** at the **Fairview Park Marriott in Falls Church, VA**. If you are able to attend, I recommend that you do so, as you will walk away with a wealth of information pertaining to the goings on of the Marine Corps League. It is also time to start thinking about several items that affect us all as members of the Marine Corps League.

Department of Maryland Marine of the Year – 2012

This detachment will be submitting the name of one (1) nominee for this award tentatively on 23 February 2013. If you have someone in mind that you believe to be deserving of statewide recognition as the **Department of Maryland Marine of the Year**, you need to do the following:

- Write your nominee's name on a piece of paper along with and a minimum of three (3) reasons as to why that individual deserves the award. Please note that you can recommend any member of the Marine Corps League, who is a member in good standing of any Department of Maryland Detachment.
- Sign your recommendation – unsigned recommendations will not be considered!
- Place your recommendation within a sealed envelope, address the envelope to our Detachment Adjutant (David Wells), and place it in the detachment's mailbox at VFW Post 160.

Names will be accepted until **9 February 2013**. After that, the Adjutant, Senior Vice Commandant, and the Judge Advocate will review all nominees and select one candidate for submission to the Department of Maryland. The Department of Maryland Marine of the Year will be announced at the 2013 Department Convention Dinner, which will be held at the Princess Royale Oceanfront Hotel & Conference Center in Ocean City, Maryland on 27 April 2013.

Detachment 1049 Marine of the Year – 2012

Nominations for the **Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 Marine of the Year** will be accepted until **18 March 2013**. If you wish to nominate an individual, you will need to do the following:

- Write your nominee's name on a piece of paper along with and a minimum of three (3) reasons as to why that individual deserves the award.
- Sign your recommendation – unsigned recommendations will not be considered!
- Place your recommendation within a sealed envelope, write 'Detachment 1049 Marine of the Year – 2012' on the envelope, and place it in the detachment's mailbox at VFW Post 160.

The Detachment 1049 Marine of the Year will be selected in accordance with Detachment by-laws. The Detachment 1049 Marine of the Year will be announced at the Detachment Meeting scheduled for 22 April 2013.

Detachment 1049 Election of Officers for FY 2013 – 2014

It is time to start thinking about who you would like to lead the Detachment during fiscal year 2013 – 2014. Due to increased work obligations, I will not be running for any elected position. Candidates (nominees) are needed for each of the following positions. Please remember, that any regular member in good standing may run for office.

- Detachment Commandant
- Detachment Senior Vice Commandant
- Detachment Junior Vice Commandant
- Detachment Judge Advocate

Semper Fi!

Joe



Chaplain's Corner

by Mac McNeir for Chaplain Fred Kaminski

Anna Mae Hynson, mother of our Color Guard Commander **Woody Bowman** passed away on December 15, 2012. See the **Lest We Forget...** column (page 8) for additional information.

Past Detachment Commandant and Marine of the Year **Manny Airey** has seemingly recovered from his recent mild stroke and is back to normal.

Please contact our Chaplain at the following number as soon as you learn of any member or member of our extended family, who is sick, in distress, etc.

410-760-4684 (home)



From the desk of the

Senior Vice Commandant



Ed Dahling

Fellow Detachment Members,

I hope everyone had a good start to the New Year and that you're ready for another exciting year. Now it's time to get down to business, before you know it, the election of officers will be upon us. Nominations for the elected offices of Commandant, Senior Vice Commandant, Junior Vice Commandant and Judge Advocate will be held at the February and March meetings with voting being held at the March monthly meeting. So be thinking about those Marines of this Detachment that you consider to be most qualified to lead us during this coming year.

I would like to see more members volunteer for elected and appointed positions. Many of the tasks may seem daunting at first, but there is always plenty of help. The Detachment needs your help and input. After all, the Detachment includes all of us, not just a few. If you think you could or should be doing more, please get involved in more than just the monthly meetings.

Semper Fi,

Ed Dahling



Color Guard

by Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman

There are no events scheduled for our Color Guard until March of this year; but, you are reminded that...

- our color guard is always looking for new volunteers to join their ranks, and
- the schedule of future Color Guard activities will be published as it evolves.



Quotation

"I can't say enough about the two Marine divisions. If I use words like 'brilliant,' it would really be an under description of the absolutely superb job that they did in breaching the so-called 'impenetrable barrier.' It was a classic-absolutely classic-military breaching of a very very tough minefield, barbed wire, fire trenches-type barrier."

General Norman Schwarzkopf, USA, Retired
Commander, Operation Desert Storm, February 1991

From the desk of the

Junior Vice Commandant



Ray Sturm

Greetings all,

*'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the Post,
not a veteran was stirring, not even a ghost.'*

The literary license I take with that very familiar verse is a subtle way for me to ask for your attendance at the January... and for that matter...all detachment meetings. The January meeting is particularly important as we may be voting on an important by-law change. Your vote is important. Let your voice be heard. Regardless of the vote, the meetings are a once a month opportunity to enjoy the brotherhood of fellow Marines. Now that the holidays are over, please try to take an hour from your busy schedules and make meeting attendance during 2013 our best ever. If transportation is an issue, please contact a detachment staff member as we may be able to coordinate a ride.

On a final note, I'd like to wish you and yours a safe, successful, and Happy New Year!

Semper Fi,

Ray Sturm



Rifle & Pistol Team

by Ray Sturm



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

I trust everyone had a great holiday season. I'd like to start the new year off with a BANG! Yea, I know that was corny, but consider that the opening round (no firearm pun intended) to the team's recruiting drive. Our pistol team has several dedicated members who represent us at the **Department of Pennsylvania Service Pistol Match**. We have no rifle team. I'm looking for members who may be interested in joining the **Detachment Pistoleros** or perhaps forming a rifle team. Please let me know if you are interested in either.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me.



Bombastic Bumper Snicker:



*The most dangerous thing in the world is...
a 2nd Lieutenant with a map & a compass!*



Military Order of the Devil Dogs



The Fun & Honor Society of the Marine Corps League

Woof-Woof,

I hope Santa Dog was good to all of you and that you are now rested up and ready to kick off a new year where great things will be happening.

It appears as if the Marine Corps League's **Toys for Tots** campaign was a huge success. I hope the MODD did its share for the League.

Now that the new year is here, it is time for the Dogs to start wagging their tails and get busy for the next several months.

The Pound had a very successful growl last month, netting \$165 for the children's hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan in August. After two growls, this brings our total to \$380.

The **Maryland Pack** will growl on **12 January 2013**, following the **Department of Maryland's** winter staff meeting at **Charlotte Hall**. The address for this beautiful **Maryland Veterans Home** is 29449 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622.

Pound 204 will growl again on **17 February 2013** at the Pound Dog House.

Remember... It is an honor to be a Devil Dog!

Woof-Woof,

Paul Taylor

PDD & Dog Robber

*Have you nominated anyone to be the
2012 Detachment Marine of the Year?
Don't wait too long to make your choice known!*

Be part of the action at the League's

2013 Mid-Winter National



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at the

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7 - 9 February 2013



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Marine Corps League Convention**

Have You Heard?

by Mac McNeir



Highlights of the December 17th Meeting...

Note – The December meeting was an abbreviated meeting in order to accommodate the annual Christmas celebration for members of the Detachment and the Auxiliary, as well as families and friends.

The meeting was brought to order by **Commandant Joe Wright**, who acknowledged the presence of **Department of Maryland Adjutant Paul Taylor**, and **Past Detachment Commandant Mac McNeir**.

Following the roll-call of officers, the minutes of the November meeting were reviewed and accepted by voice vote.

Basket of Cheer (Booze)...

Senior Vice Commandant Ed Dahling called everyone's attention to **Past Detachment Commandant Manny Airey's** generous donation of a rather large basket of cheer, which was to be raffled-off at the conclusion of the meeting. Ed then made a final sales-pitch to sell additional chances on the basket of cheer.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the winning ticket was drawn by **Commandant Joe Wright** and as hard as it might be to believe, **Ed Dahling** was the holder of the winning ducat and left Post 160 in higher spirits than when he arrived.

The detachment realized a profit of **\$430** from the raffle.

Color Guard

Color Guard Commander Woody Bowman reported on the unit's participation in the annual **Pearl Harbor Commemoration**, which was held at the Severn River overlook in Annapolis on December 7th. He stated that the commemorative event experienced nice weather for a change and that there were approximately 35 sailors and 5 Marines amongst those in attendance.

Newsletter...

Editor Mac McNeir informed the members of the existence of two articles in the January newsletter. The first is the *proposed change* to the by-law governing the **Detachment Marine of the Year** selection process; while, the second is a *statement of opposition* to that proposal made by a past **Detachment Marine of the Year**, **Mike Hadley**.

Subsequently, member **Jim Brady** read a letter of opposition to the proposed by-law change from past Detachment Marines of the Year.



2013 MHM Golf Tournament...

Burt Helmka, 2013 Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament Chairman (see ad on adjacent page), reported on his progress with the early phases of the 2013 tournament, which essentially focused on the *signing of a contract* with the **Compass Pointe Golf Course** management and the *production of printed materials*.

MidEast Division Convention...

Jim Brady, on behalf of **Department of Maryland Commandant Ed Ross**, announced that our detachment will be assisting with the **2013 MidEast Convention**, which will take place in **Hagerstown, Maryland**. The event is being hosted by our Department and will take place in June of this year.

Adjournment...

The detachment meeting was adjourned in accordance with league rituals and will reconvene at **1900 (7:00 PM)** on **28 January 2013**.

Humor

Many of **Saddam Hussein's** lesser-known relatives are now coming to the attention of American authorities. Those currently under surveillance include...

<i>Sooflay</i>	.....	the restaurateur
<i>Guday</i>	.....	the Australian half-brother
<i>Huray</i>	.....	the sports fanatic
<i>Sashay</i>	.....	the gay brother
<i>Sayhay</i>	.....	the baseball player
<i>Ojay</i>	.....	the stalker/murderer
<i>Ebay</i>	.....	the Internet czar
<i>Biliray</i>	.....	the country music star
<i>Ecksray</i>	.....	the radiologist
<i>Puray</i>	.....	the gourmet chef
<i>Tupay</i>	.....	the brother with the bad hair
<i>Lahtay</i>	.....	the sister who works in Starbucks
<i>Buffay</i>	.....	the chubby sister
<i>Dushay</i>	.....	the very clean sister
<i>Phayray</i>	.....	the zookeeper sister who works in the gorilla house
<i>Sapheway</i>	.....	the sister who works in a grocery store
<i>Ohlay</i>	.....	the Mexican half-sister
<i>Gudlay</i>	.....	the slutty sister

And finally, there is...

Oyvey, but the family doesn't like to talk about him.



2013 Marines Helping Marines Golf Tournament



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– or –

Jim Brady at 202-314-1782 / jbrady@ushmm.org

**St. Baldrick's
FOUNDATION**

**2013
Campaign**

I am pleased to once again be able to represent our detachment as a 'shavee' who will be raising money for this year's **St. Baldrick's Campaign**. For our new members, this campaign raises money to help fund the research being conducted to find/develop cures for the various forms of childhood cancer.

For those who wish to support me in the effort to cure and **eradicate childhood cancers**, here is the information on how to do so.

METHOD 1 – You can contribute directly online, as a member of the detachment team at the following URL –

<https://www.stbaldricks.org/donate/>

- Enter **Wayne McNeir** into the *I'm donating towards the fund-raising goal of...* field.
- Click on the **SEARCH** button.
- Click on my name (**Wayne McNeir**) in the resultant display.
- Complete the form that is now displayed – my name should be displayed in the **Participants** field at the top of the form.

METHOD 2 – If you wish to write a check, please make it payable to the '**St. Baldrick's Foundation**.'

Once I receive your check, I will transmit the funds to **St. Baldrick's** and update the website to reflect your generosity! Be sure to provide me with information such as...

- The name you wish to appear in the donor list...you may want to donate in someone else's honor; or
- the term '**anonymous**' if you wish to remain unnamed.

Regardless of the method that you chose, **your donation will be tax deductible!**

On behalf of some very special kids, thank you for your support and your generosity!

Semper Fi,

Wayne (Mac) McNeir

Junior Past Commandant
Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049

Editor's Note – Although the venue for the annual shearing of the shavees (fund-raisers) has yet to be scheduled, it will likely be held at Dougherty's Pub in Baltimore on the Saturday, March 23, 2013. The details of the event will be published in the next newsletter.



Toys... (continued from page 1)

For the next two years, **Dawn Parker** and **Nila Caulder-Rogers** made it their personal responsibility to do what they could as individuals to fill the void. Devoting their time and personal resources, they picked up toys from contributors such as **Elks Lodge 2482**, **Coldwell Banker**, the **Ferndale Committee Club**, and **American Legion Post 34**. All of the toys collected were then delivered to Toys for Tots representatives operating in the Baltimore region.

Early in 2012, the needy children of Northern Anne Arundel County gained a new champion, when **Dawn Parker** decided to become the official Toys for Tots Coordinator for Northern Anne Arundel County. Her immediate goal was to ensure that as many of the local children as possible would have tangible reasons to celebrate Christmas. As the following paragraphs indicate, it's obvious that Dawn – assisted by members of our detachment, the Auxiliary, active duty Marines, members of **VFW Post 160**, and others – was successful in achieving that goal.

The success of this year's Toys for Tots campaign was the cumulative result of several events and fundraising activities. The kick-off event was held on November 18 at **American Legion Post 40**, which was followed by two bike runs – one with **Mission BBQ** and another with **The Office Bar & Grill**. Events at **Aarons** in Riviera Beach and Lake Shore Plaza (which coincided with **American Legion Post 277's** membership drive), **Elks Lodge 2482** in Severna Park, **Toys R Us** in Glen Burnie and Annapolis, the **Greene Turtle Sports Bar & Grille** in Pasadena and Arundel Mills, **Bayside Physical Therapy** in Millersville, **Three Nines Billiards**, **Bank Shots**, **Bass Pro Shop**, **Cinemark**, and a tree lighting ceremony at **Arundel Mills Mall** and **Maryland Live Casino**, and others are illustrative of the extreme effort put into this year's campaign by all of the members of the team.

A number of volunteers, with boundless Christmas spirit, need to be recognized for their selfless dedication to this year's drive.

Debbie Mondragon, Don Stockton, Patty & Roland Robidoux, John Bassolino, Holly Beach, Buddy George, George Martin, Woody Bowman, Chuck Albo, Chris Stevens, Scott Stevens, Mike Stevens, Nila Caulder, Dawn Parker, active duty Marines from Fort Meade and a few others maintained the warehouse and picked up toys from all of the widely-distributed drop-off locations. **Lieutenant Peter Smith** (USMC), the coordinator for Fort Meade, played a significant role in the success of the 2012 Northern Anne Arundel County campaign.

Two outstanding Marines, **Lance Corporals Paul Slaver III** and **Doug Watson**, are specifically identified for their excellent support. They went above and beyond in their support of Toys for Tots and our efforts to help the local children. They could be counted on to assist with any and all activities...activities which ranged from helping with warehouse operations to appearing at public events as stellar examples of the Marine Corps. Thanks are in order for both Marines for a job well done!

Happily, our Toys for Tots Team's initial expectations for both toys and monetary donations were exceeded. Nearly **19,000 toys/books/stocking stuffers** were collected and over **\$18,000** in

donations had been raised when this year's drive concluded. In the words of **Chris Stevens** – a member of the Toys for Tots Team – *"A lot of hard work was involved in this campaign but the rewards were many. With the lessons learned from this year and anticipated changes, we are expecting another great year."*

Chris went on to state feelings that are reflective of the entire team by saying *"We know from the smiles on children's faces and from the grateful appreciation of their parents, that the simple gift of a shiny, new toy – something that many take for granted – can make a tremendous difference in the life of a child."*



Lest We Forget...

Anna Mae Hynson (nee Rumbley), 83, mother of a detachment member and our Color Guard Commander **Woody Bowman**, died on December 15, 2012.

Anna enjoyed square dancing, karaoke, painting and bingo. She also liked to go to the **Honey Bee** restaurant to eat.

She is survived by her children – son **Elwood Bowman Jr.** and his wife **Jean**, son **Charles H. Bowman** and his wife **Cathy**, son **David J. Bowman** and his wife **Pam**, and daughter **Linda K. Graham**. She was also survived by 11 grandchildren as well as 11 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at on December 19th at the **Fink Funeral Home** in Glen Burnie, MD. Interment at the **Glen Haven Cemetery** followed.

Note – The above information was obtained from an obituary published in the online version of The Capital Gazette on December 18, 2012



Let him who loves his country with his heart
and NOT merely with his lips...follow me! U.S. Marines

Devil Dog Review

Opposing Opinions

by Mac McNeir

This column attempts to summarize a situation that exists between several detachment members, because of their differing perspectives regarding the suitability of the current by-law ***governing the selection of our Detachment Marine of the Year (DMOY)***. This column attempts to provide an unbiased summary of both positions. Your opinion of these conflicting opinions and your subsequent actions ***should be based solely upon your own assessment of this issue***. Your interpretation of what you believe this reporter believes should not serve as the basis of your decision(s).

Opinion 1 – Member, Ray Sturm

Junior Vice Commandant Ray Sturm has proposed that the existing detachment by-law governing the selection of the Anne Arundel County **Detachment Marine of the Year** be revised. The major change stipulated by this proposal is that ***the actual election of the DMOY be placed in the hands of the general membership***. Other procedural issues are addressed; however, the main thrust of the proposed change is that prior DMOYs would screen and determine the eligibility of nominees provided by the general membership. They would then turn over a ballot of suitable nominees, who have met appropriate eligibility requirements to the general membership, who would then vote for the nominee of their choice by secret ballot.

Synopsis:

- Election of the DMOY would be determined by a majority vote of all detachment members at the March detachment meeting.
- Election of the DMOY would no longer be performed by Past DMOYs.

Opinion 2 – Member, Mike Hadley

2009 DMOY, Mike Hadley believes that ***the selection of the DMOY should remain the sole providence of past Detachment Marines of the Year***. Other procedural issues are addressed; however, the main thrust of proposed change is that ***the selection process would remain essentially unchanged and the participation of the general membership would be essentially limited to making nominations***.

Synopsis:

- Election of the DMOY would be performed by Past DMOYs.
- Involvement of the general membership would be limited to making nominations of detachment members judged to be worthy of the honor.



Opinion Summary

Both opinions (propositions) are presented in this newsletter (pages 12 and 13) and you are encouraged to examine both in detail prior to participating in the vote to either confirm or reject the proposed by-law change (page 12), which will take place at the January 2013 detachment meeting.

- If you believe that the ***membership should elect future DMOYs***, you should vote **FOR** the proposed by-law revision authored by **JVC Ray Sturm**.
- If you believe that the ***current process should be maintained***, you should vote **AGAINST** the proposed by-law revision.
- If you believe that the ***current process should be maintained – but with revisions as proposed by 2012 DMOY Mike Hadley*** – you should vote **AGAINST** the proposed by-law revision and then have someone present a proposal for incorporating those revisions stipulated in Mike Hadley's correspondence into the current by-law to the assembled members of the detachment subsequent to the January 2013 vote on the current proposal.

Again, for those detachment members who may have missed the last two regularly scheduled detachment meetings, the proposed amended by-law is scheduled to be voted on at our January 2013 detachment meeting.



Young Marines

The **Annapolis Young Marines** have begun their new training year. As part of that training, they will be taking part in the **Frozen Chosen** encampment that is being hosted by the **Hamilton Young Marines** in February. Currently, nine of our Young Marines and two adults have committed to the encampment.

Two **Junior Leadership Classes** are scheduled for the month of March.

Finally, I will be turning command of the Annapolis Young Marines over to active duty Marine **Dallas Cooper** in the near future. Details will be provided as soon as they become firm.

Thanks & Semper Fi,

George Martin

Young Marines Commander

Detachment By-Law Change – Proposed

*Editor's Note – Please read the proposed amendment to the current by-law governing the **Selection of the Detachment Marine of the Year**, which is provided below. The amendment, as presented here, contains changes to the originally amended proposal, which was introduced and read at our November detachment meeting –those changes appear as red/underlined text.*

Since our by-laws state that a vote cannot be held until 30 days have passed, the vote to either accept or reject this amendment will be conducted at our first detachment meeting of the new year on January 28, 2013.

SECTION 300 – STANDING COMMITTEES AND DUTIES

d. Detachment Marine of the Year (DMOY)

1. Committee Composition

- (a) The Detachment Marine of the Year Committee shall be comprised of all past recipients of the Marine of the Year, with a minimum of three members required to meet. In the event at least three members are not available, the Detachment Commandant shall name one or more Past Detachment Commandants to serve on the DMOY Committee. The Chairman of the DMOY Committee shall be the most recent Detachment Marine of the Year. If unavailable, the next most current DMOY shall serve as chairman. Each member must be a member in good standing.

2. Duties

- (a) The DMOY Committee shall
 - aa. Determine all nominees are in good standing.
 - bb. Ensure the nominees are not the subject of a grievance.
 - cc. Review, select, and submit at least two, but not more than three qualified nominees to the Detachment Commandant no later than two calendar weeks prior to the scheduled March detachment meeting.
 - dd. Should the Detachment MOY Committee determine that no nominee is qualified, they may with the concurrence of the Detachment Commandant, make no recommendation.
- (b) The Detachment Commandant shall
 - aa. Prior to the detachment meeting in March, publish the qualified list of nominees and their supporting recommendations.
 - bb. At the March meeting, present the list of qualified nominees for vote by the assembled members of the detachment.
- (c) The Detachment Judge Advocate shall prepare the ballots.
- (d) The Detachment Quartermaster shall obtain the appropriate award plaque and medal. The medal should be available for presentation at the March meeting. The plaque with appropriate inscription may be presented at a later meeting.

3. Nominations

- (a) The DMOY Committee may begin accepting nominations after the January Detachment meeting.
- (b) Nominations may be made by any detachment member in good standing.
- (c) Nominees must be a detachment member in good standing.
- (d) Nominations shall consist of a written recommendation, with a statement of justification as to why this member should be selected as Detachment Marine of the Year.

4. Voting Process

- (a) Members must be present and in good standing to vote. There are no proxy votes or absentee ballots.
- (b) The Detachment Senior Vice Commandant, with assistance of the Judge Advocate, shall conduct a secret written vote. The names of all qualified nominees shall appear alphabetically on a ballot. In the event either officer is a nominee, the Detachment Commandant shall select a replacement officer. This replacement may be an elected or appointed officer.
- (c) A majority vote of all members present shall be necessary to decide the Detachment Marine of the Year. A majority vote is defined as fifty percent plus one vote.
- (d) In the event no nominee receives a majority on the first round of balloting, the top 2 voter earners shall run in a runoff election, with a simple majority (50% +1) being necessary to win.
- (e) The Senior Vice Commandant, with assistance from the Judge Advocate shall tally the votes and present the results of the voting to the Detachment Commandant.
- (f) The Detachment Commandant will announce the Marine of the Year or declare no winner and the need for a second round of voting. If the winner of the DMOY is present, the award may be presented immediately. In the event the winner is not present, an appropriate ceremony shall take place at the next scheduled detachment meeting. The previous recipient of the DMOY shall present the award.



Detachment By-Law Change – Counter-Point

Editor's Note – I tried to reproduce the above letter in a manner that replicated its appearance as received from Mike Hadley. No changes to wording, etc. were made except for the addition of a header at the top of this page – all text other than the above header and this note are Mike's.

The only differences that you may notice are those associated with formatting – formatting such as type face, point size, paragraph spacing, etc.

Severn, Maryland
December 13, 2012

SUBJECT: Open letter to members, Anne Arundel Detachment 1049, Marine Corps League

I am writing in response to the proposed amendment to the Detachment By-Laws and Administrative Procedures for the Detachment Marine of the Year (MOY) proposed in the November and December Newsletters.

The Junior Vice Commandant makes the statement in the November newsletter that "I have only been a detachment member for a few years, and I felt that other than submitting a nominee, I had no idea what the process entailed." I would like to address the procedures that he is not aware of. The Detachment MOY committee has followed the traditions and customs of the National, Mid-East Division and Department of Maryland MOY committees. The traditions and customs are described in detail in the following references:

- Complete MCL National Bylaws updated through 2011
(<http://www.mcleague.com/mdp/pdf/bylaws/2011NationalBylawsComplete.pdf>) pg AP 3-4
- Marine Corp League National Marine of the Year
(<http://www.mcl-moy.org/>)
- Department of Maryland By-Laws and Administrative Procedures
(http://deptofmdmcl.org/By_Laws/DptOfMD_AdminProc-2008.pdf) pg AP 3-3

The Detachment MOY Award is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a regular member of the Detachment. The candidates for this award are nominated by the people who know them best; the Marines of our detachment. The recommendations are screened by a panel of judges made up entirely of past Detachment Marines of the Year. In each case, National, Division, Department and Detachment, the MOY Committee has selected the Marine of the Year. To those that are nominated and do not get selected, they should be proud! They have served well and their fellow Marines felt that you deserved to be reviewed for this honor. That alone is a privilege that very few detachment members have shared.

This being said, I agree that we should have a section in the Detachment By-Laws that address the Detachment MOY procedures. However, I STRONGLY recommend and endorse that SECTION 300.d.4 (Voting Process) be amended to continue the traditions and customs of our detachment and parent organizations. Keep the selection of the Detachment MOY in the Detachment MOY committee. If the proposed change cannot or will not be amended, then it should receive a **NO VOTE!** Additional additions to the proposed change would be the responsibilities of the MOY Committee which include:

- Obtain the Detachment Marine of the Year Medallion and Plaque
- Engraving the Medallion
- Present the Detachment Marine of the Year Award at the Department of Maryland Convention Banquet or at the soonest Detachment Meeting following the Department of Maryland Convention.

In closing, I restate my recommendation that we keep our organizations customs and traditions intact and either **amend** SECTION 300.d.4 in the proposed By-Law change, as stated above, or a **NO VOTE** on this amendment. Furthermore, if a NO VOTE is achieved, then the Detachment By-Laws committee should entertain an addition to our By-Laws that formalize the Detachment MOY process as stated above. The National and Department By-Laws are both excellent examples of the traditions and customs of this prestige's award.

Semper Fi and Woof, Woof,

Michael R. Hadley





Coming Events

The following events are scheduled to occur through **March 1, 2013**. Unless otherwise noted, these events will take place at **VFW Post 160**, located at 2597 Dorsey Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21060 (410-766-9802).

NOTE – The dates and times listed below are subject to change. Please verify the information with the indicated organizational point of contact.

Staff Meeting, MCL, Department of Maryland

Saturday, January 12, 2013 beginning at 0900 (Ed Ross)
Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, Charlotte Hall, MD

MODD Growl, Maryland Pack

Saturday, January 12, 2013 following the Staff Meeting (Don Benson)
Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, Charlotte Hall, MD

Monthly Meetings, MCL Detachment 1049 & Auxiliary

Monday, January 28, 2013 @ 1900 (Joe Wright / Anita Ullery)

Marine Corps League Mid-Winter Conference

Thursday, February 7 through Saturday, February 9, 2013
Fairview Park Marriott, Falls Church, VA

Make room reservation directly with the hotel by *no later than January 11 2013* at 703-849-9400 and be sure to tell them you are with the Marine Corps League.

MODD Growl, Pound 204

Sunday, February 17, 2013 from 0800 – 1100 (Mike Hadley)

Monthly Meetings, MCL Detachment 1049 & Auxiliary

Monday, February 25, 2013 @ 1900 (Joe Wright / Anita Ullery)

Friday Night Dinner, MCL Detachment 1049

Friday, March 1, 2013 from 1800 – 2000 (Joe Wright)



Members' Birthdays

Members of our detachment, who will be celebrating birthdays during the month of **January** include:

Sam Campbell Jr.

Bill Creager

Charles Dorn

Fred Downey Jr.

Gerald Grimes

Warren Lindgren

Harold Van Buskirk Jr.

NOTE – If your birthday does not appear in this column, it's likely that I am not aware of it. Old and new members are encouraged to contact me to ensure that we have all of your demographics.



Corps History

by Mac McNeir for Joe Wright, Historian

4 January 1991

Marine helicopters evacuate 281 people from U.S. Embassy in Mogadishu, Somalia.

7 January 1969

Medal of Honor awarded posthumously to 1st Marine Division Chaplain, Lt. V.R. Capodanno, U.S. Navy, who was killed in action in Quang Tin Province, Vietnam on 4 September 1967.

8 January 1815

Marines, with Andrew Jackson's help, repulsed British forces at New Orleans.

9 January 2002

All seven Marine crewmen were killed when their KC-130R crashed near a forward operating base at Shamsi, Pakistan. Enemy ground fire was not suspected in the crash. These Marines of VMGR-352 were the first to die in the war on terrorism.

10 January 1995

2,600 U.S. Marines deployed to Somalia (Operation United Shield) to assist in the final withdrawal of UN peace-keeping troops from Somalia.

11 January 2007

President George W. Bush presented the Medal of Honor to Corporal Jason L. Dunham's family during a White House ceremony. Corporal Dunham, who died of wounds sustained in combat in April 2004, was not only the first Marine to receive the nation's highest military award for valor for Operation Iraqi Freedom, but also the first Marine to receive the award for any action since 1970.

13 January 2003

General James L. Jones relinquished duties as the 32nd Commandant of the Marine Corps to General Michael W. Hagee during a ceremony at the U.S. Naval Academy. General Jones was the first commandant in 40 years not to retire from the position as he became the first Marine to assume duties as the head of U.S. European Command on 16 January 2003 and Supreme Allied Commander, Europe on the following day.

18 January 1951

Marines of the 1st Marine Division begin mop-up operations against guerrillas in the Pohang, South Korea region, following their epic battle with Communist Chinese troops at the Chosin (Changjin) Reservoir.

20 January 1968

The second battle for Khe Sanh began when Marines from the 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines attacked a North Vietnamese battalion between Hill 881 South and Hill 881 North.

22 January 1969

Operation Dewey Canyon began with the airlift of the 9th Marines and supporting artillery into the A Shau/Da Krong Valleys.

25 January 1856

Marines and seamen from the U.S.S. Decatur went ashore at the village of Seattle, Washington, to protect settlers from Indian raids.



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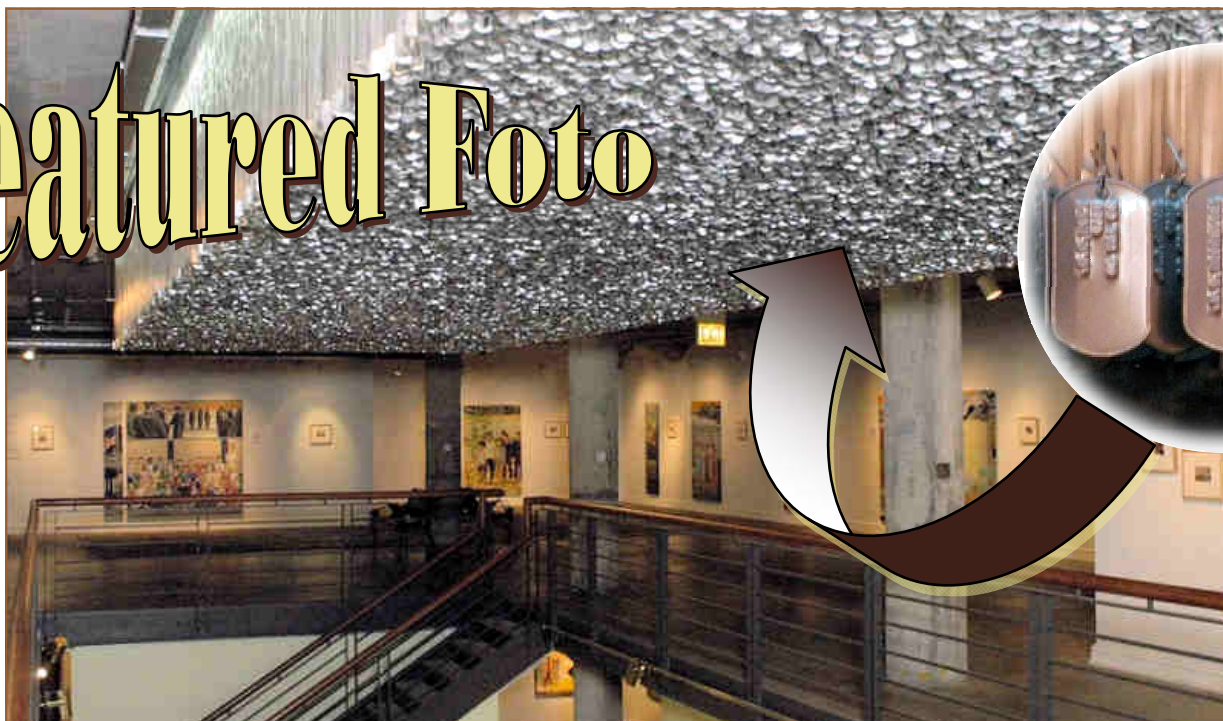


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Featured Foto



On Memorial Day 2001, the **National Veterans Art Museum** in Chicago added a stirring and spectacular new exhibit to its already highly praised fine art collection. The work of art is an immense 10 x 40 foot sculpture titled **Above and Beyond**, is comprised of imprinted dog tags – one for each of the more than 58,000 service men and women who died in the Vietnam War. This sculpture is the only permanent Vietnam War memorial, other than The Wall in Washington, DC to list all of those who perished in the Vietnam War.

*EDITOR'S NOTE – This story was compiled from information obtained from the **National Veterans Art Museum** website @ <http://www.nvam.org/> while the photo was taken by Jeanine Hill-Soldner.*